

STETSON POND (Pembroke)

General Information:

This 93-acre warm water pond is characterized by brown water with a transparency of five feet. Average depth 15 feet and maximum depth is 33 feet. Aquatic vegetation is fairly light. More than half (60%) of the total shoreline (1.5 miles) has been lost to development.

The pond is located a half mile northeast of Route 58 near Monponsett Center. Access is provided by a dirt launch located off Plymouth Street. The launch is suitable for car top boats and canoes and is owned by the town of Pembroke.

Fish Populations:

The general fish population was last sampled in June of 1981. Nine species were observed at that time. Listed in order of abundance they are pumpkinseed, bluegill, yellow perch, white perch, golden shiner, largemouth bass, chain pickerel, brown bullhead and American eel.

Fishing:

This pond has very low productivity and the general fish population exhibits low stock density. Largemouth bass and chain pickerel display good growth rates due to the lack of competition, but they are not numerous. Stunted sunfish dominates the pond. The yellow perch are generally less than nine inches long and display below average growth rates. Anglers can always find some action here, however, and an occasional large bass or pickerel is to be expected.

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